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MATT RUHL, NATIONAL FEATURES EDITOR

From director and screenwriter to author and comedian, John Waters has worn quite a few hats over the years. However, this weekend the legendary artist and pop culture icon will once again put on Santa's hat for the return of "A John Waters Christmas," which has become an annual tradition thanks to its fun and subversive take on the holiday season. We chatted with Waters about the hit show, the politics of giving gifts and what he really thinks about the Elf on the Shelf craze.

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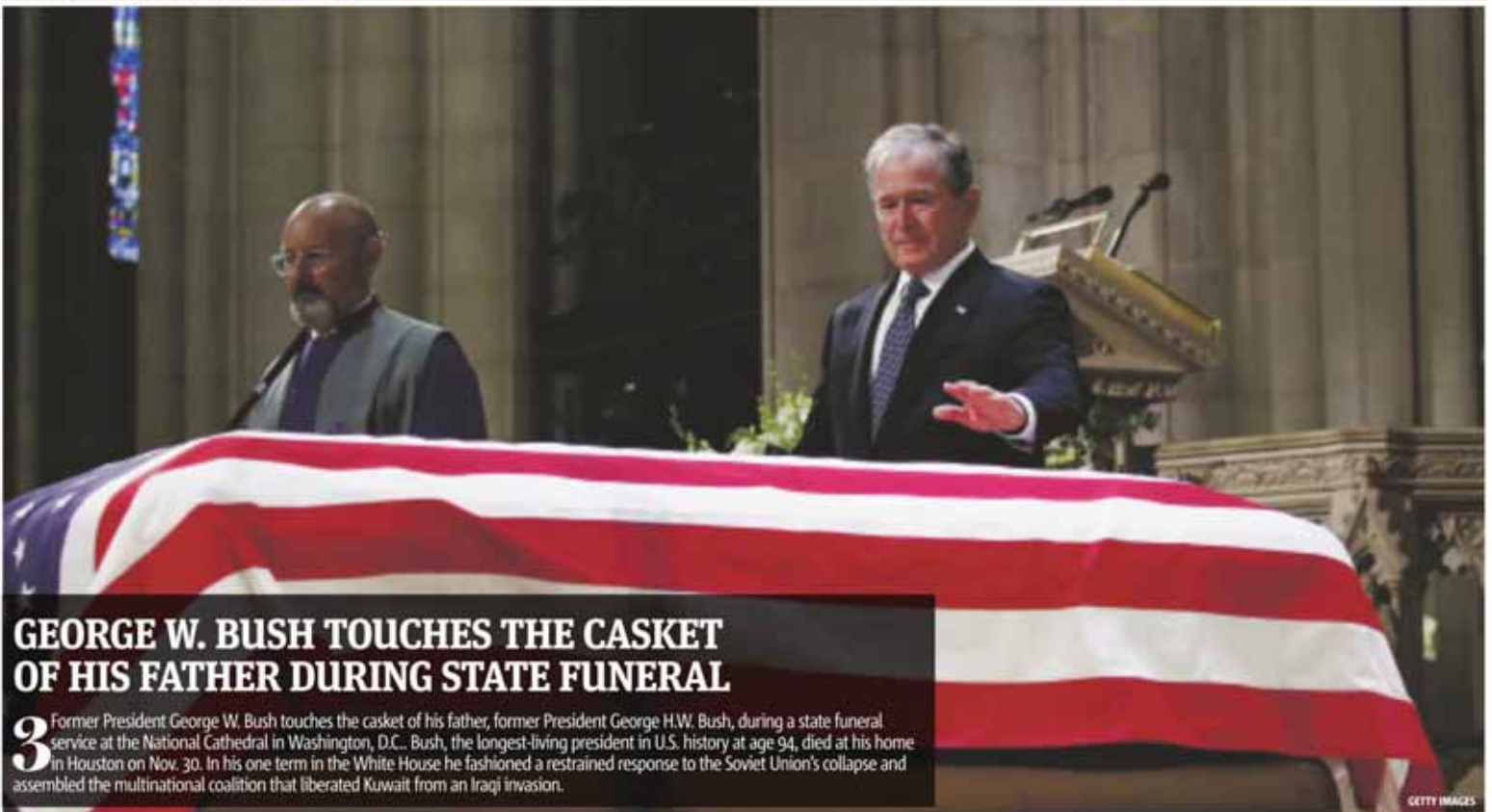
The New York Rangers are the most valuable National Hockey League franchise for a fourth consecutive year at more than double the league average, according to the annual list published by business magazine Forbes on Wednesday. The Rangers, who missed the playoffs last season, are worth \$1.55 billion, up 3 percent from last year, Forbes said. The Toronto Maple Leafs (\$1.45 billion), Montreal Canadiens (\$1.3 billion), Chicago Blackhawks (\$1 billion) and Boston Bruins (\$925 million) rounded out the top five. The Stanley Cup champion Washington Capitals

were 10th on the list after their value rose 16 percent to \$725 million. The Vegas Golden Knights, who last season made an improbable run to the Stanley Cup Final in their debut campaign, are worth \$575 million. Forbes said the average value of the NHL's 31 teams rose 6 percent during the past year to \$630 million, an increase it attributed primarily to a 39 percent jump in the league's average operating income to a record \$25 million last season. Also boosting the average value of teams was the NHL's 10-year collective bargaining agreement, which was ratified in 2013.

EX-COUNCIL CANDIDATE  
INDICTED FOR FRAUD

State officials have indicted former New York City Council candidate Alberto Alvarez with several felony charges for stealing at least \$4,500 through campaign fraud, according to Attorney General Barbara D. Underwood's office. Underwood and Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli announced the indictment Wednesday, which also names former Tremont Crotona Day Care Center Executive Director Anna Mendez, who officials say helped Alvarez steal thousands in public matching funds. "As we allege, the defendants orchestrated a scheme to collect straw donations, steal

public matching funds, and submit false filings — undermining the public's trust in our government and political process," Underwood said in a statement. "Today's indictments should send a clear message that we will not tolerate those that skirt the law for their own benefit." Alvarez unsuccessfully ran for Joel Rivera's City Council seat in the 15th district in 2013. Before that, Alvarez was Rivera's chief of staff. While running for City Council, Alvarez allegedly "knowingly accepted straw donations," which were organized by Mendez and one of her employees. KRISTIN TOLLSAINT

GEORGE W. BUSH TOUCHES THE CASKET  
OF HIS FATHER DURING STATE FUNERAL

Former President George W. Bush touches the casket of his father, former President George H.W. Bush, during a state funeral service at the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C.. Bush, the longest-living president in U.S. history at age 94, died at his home in Houston on Nov. 30. In his one term in the White House he fashioned a restrained response to the Soviet Union's collapse and assembled the multinational coalition that liberated Kuwait from an Iraqi invasion.

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NEW YORKERS SUPPORT  
AMAZON CAMPUS: POLL

New Yorkers by a wide margin approve of plans for Amazon.com Inc. to build a massive new campus in the city, although they are divided over terms of a multibillion-dollar incentive package used to lure the largest U.S. online retailer, according to poll results released on Wednesday. Fifty-seven percent of New York City residents who responded to the poll approved of Amazon building one of two secondary headquarters in the Long Island City area of Queens, more than double the 26 per-

cent who said they oppose the move, according to a Quinnipiac University poll. Respondents were divided on the \$2.8 billion in tax breaks and incentives offered to attract Amazon, with 46 percent supporting them versus 44 percent who oppose the package, the poll found. Amazon last month announced plans to spend \$5 billion on two new headquarters — one in Long Island City and one in Arlington, Virginia, outside of Washington, D.C. — which the company said will each employ more than 25,000 people.

USA GYMNASTICS FILES  
FOR BANKRUPTCY

USA Gymnastics, the sport's governing body, filed for bankruptcy on Wednesday, the latest blow for an organization that has struggled to recover from scandal after former national team doctor Larry Nassar sexually abused hundreds of gymnasts. The organization filed for protection from creditors in U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Indianapolis, according to court records. "Our organization is a financially solid going concern but for the hundred lawsuits that we do have out there," Kathryn Carson, the chairwoman of the

USAG board, said on a conference call with reporters. "That is the primary reason that we made this filing, to use the Chapter 11 process as a vehicle for resolving those claims." Nassar was sentenced to up to 300 years in prison in two different trials in Michigan last February after more than 350 women testified about abuse at his hands. The scandal prompted the entire board of directors at USA Gymnastics to resign, along with the president and athletic director at Michigan State University, where Nassar also worked.

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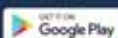


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# Master of bygone civility, Bush is hailed at funeral as US 'soldier-statesman'

The former president will be laid to rest in Texas.

Former President George H.W. Bush was hailed at his state funeral on Wednesday as a warrior-statesman of uncommon personal kindness who went from being a hero of American conflicts to representing a bygone era of civility in politics.

Amid an unusual bipartisan spirit at the service at the Washington National Cathedral, both Republican and Democratic politicians honored a president who called for a "kinder, gentler" nation.

Bush, the 41st U.S. president, died last week in Texas aged 94. He occupied the White House from 1989 to 1993, navigating the collapse of the Soviet Union and expelling former Iraqi President Saddam Hussein's forces

from oil-rich Kuwait.

"George H.W. Bush was America's last great soldier-statesman," Jon Meacham, a presidential biographer, said in a eulogy. "He stood in the breach in the Cold War against totalitarianism. He stood in the breach in Washington against unthinking partisanship," he said.

At a ceremony full of pomp but also peppered with laughter, the capital's current political feuds were briefly set aside in honor of the late president, a naval aviator who survived being shot down by Japanese forces over the Pacific Ocean in World War II, and a former head of the CIA during the Cold War.

A patrician figure, Bush was voted out of office in part for failing to connect with ordinary Americans during an economic recession.

But he has been re-



membered as representing an earlier era of civility in American politics, that image burnished in recent years by the divisiveness and anger in the United States that accompanied the rise of President Donald Trump.

Former President George W. Bush said his father "valued character over pedigree, and he was

no cynic. He'd look for the good in each person, and he usually found it."

"The best father a son or daughter could ever have," the former president said in his eulogy, his voice cracking with emotion as he spoke near his father's flag-draped coffin.

Taking his seat at the cathedral, Trump shook hands with his predecessor,

former President Barack Obama, whom he has often sharply criticized.

Democratic former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, Trump's 2016 election opponent, and her husband, former President Bill Clinton, shared the front pew with Trump, Obama and their spouses.

Trump, like Bush a Republican, infuriated the late president by attacking his sons, George W. Bush and Jeb Bush, a rival in the 2016 Republican primary campaign.

Trump sat mostly motionless next to first lady Melania Trump throughout much of the service.

He had tweeted earlier that he was "looking forward to being with the Bush family. This is not a funeral, this is a day of celebration for a great man who has led a long and distinguished life. He

will be missed!"

Bush did not endorse Trump in the 2016 presidential election. He did not publicly say whom he voted for, but a source told CNN at the time that he had voted for Hillary Clinton.

**"He stood in the breach in the Cold War against totalitarianism. He stood in the breach in Washington against unthinking partisanship."**

Jon Meacham,  
presidential biographer

Bush, who was ailing in recent years, did send Trump a letter in January 2017 saying he would not be able to attend his inauguration because of health concerns, but wishing him the best. AP/WIDEWORLD



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Joint services military honor guards carry the casket of former President George H.W. Bush. ALL GETTY IMAGES

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Former President George W. Bush delivers a eulogy for his father.



George W. Bush, his wife Laura, his brothers Jeb Bush and Neil Bush and other members of the Bush family.



From left, President Donald J. Trump and first lady Melania Trump; former presidents and first ladies Barack Obama and Michelle Obama, Bill Clinton and Hillary Clinton, and Jimmy Carter and Rosalyn Carter.



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# Website aims to educate NYers about the right to free admission to the Met

An 1890s law states that the Met Museum should be "free of charge," but the pay-what-you-wish policy doesn't clearly communicate that, one New Yorker believes.



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A new website aims to educate New Yorkers about their right to free admission to the Met and other New York City museums.

New Yorkers know that the Metropolitan Museum of Art has a "pay-what-you-wish" rule for state residents, but is that really a fair wording of their rights? To Pat Nicholson, it's



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not.

Nicholson, a born-and-bred New Yorker, has launched a Free Admission website (museums4allnyc.com) to let more New Yorkers know about their right to get into the Met Museum and other cultural institutions for free.

A law dating back to the 1890s states that the

Met Museum should be "free of charge" to New Yorkers five days a week, in exchange for a rent-free lease.

But the museum's pay-what-you-wish designation discourages New Yorkers from truly taking advantage of that free admission right, she said. Sometimes residents are embarrassed

to pay nothing or confused by the suggested \$25 per adult amount.

Since the 1890s, the Met Museum has grown, and today occupies about 2 million square feet of city land.

Based on her calculations (allocating 10 percent of that size to exclusive retail space at \$3,500 per square foot and the

rest as office space at \$100 per square foot), Nicholson says that the Met Museum receives rent forgiveness of more than three-quarters of a billion dollars each year.

That is basically city funding, Nicholson says, that the Met Museum doesn't directly acknowledge. According to 2015 data, the Met Museum said it received "more than \$27 million in total funding from the City of New York for operating support and energy costs."

"Every New Yorker going in there thinks the museum is being altruistic by allowing us to have a pay-as-you-wish policy," Nicholson said. "As opposed to [realizing that] the museum is really what was supposed to be, when it was first thought about, part of a park education campus — talking about in the late 1800s, when

New Yorkers were to use these particular institutions as park amenities, not events you go to on special occasion."

Nicholson wants more New Yorkers to take advantage of this free admission right, which is why she created the website in the first place.

The Free Admission site provides the text of the free admission provisions for the Met Museum and other institutions "for which free admission is a reciprocity for free rent."

New Yorkers can carry it with them as a reference and of proof of their right to free museum admission, if they so choose.

Students especially, Nicholson said, should be able to take advantage of all the information in New York City museums without worrying about any entry fee.



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## Important Knee Arthritis Pain Alert:

# Study Finds Updated Treatment Helped Avoid Knee Replacement Surgery For 75% Of Worst Cases At Least 7.3 Years ...

NYC - What would it be worth to you if... in just 60 minutes... you could finally discover a way to get relief for your knee arthritis pain?

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How would it feel if you could wake up tomorrow morning and some... or even all your pain was gone?

And...

Wouldn't it be wonderful to start a brand new life and leave all your pain and suffering behind?

A life where...

...you jump out of bed in the morning, well rested and ready to take on the new day, without pain...

...you don't have to take slow, limping laps around your bedroom just to be able to walk every morning...

...you can go for walks, go up and down stairs and maybe even play sports like tennis and golf again...

...you can finally do all the things and enjoy life (just like everyone else) without constant, nagging pain...

Well... that's exactly what can possibly happen to you if you spend just 60 minutes with us...

...Because that's all it will take for one of our expert doctors to show you what we believe to be the safest, and most effective knee arthritis pain treatment there is...

I know you may find this hard to believe. Just about every one does when we tell them about this... at first.

But it doesn't take long for them to turn from skeptic to raving fan as soon as their pain improves so fast.

### Do You Have An Open Mind?

So, I'm not asking you to believe me just yet. All I ask is you approach this and read the rest of this information with an open mind. If you give us a chance, we promise, you won't be disappointed...

### Because There is Proof Real medical proof.

Here it is. A leading Orthopedic Surgeon and knee pain expert was getting excellent results with this non-surgical treatment on his own patients. In fact, this study involved almost 2000 patients followed over 10 years.

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And he wanted to prove... beyond a shadow of a doubt... the results he got... were not only REAL... they could most likely work for others just like you.

So he conducted some research, an 11 year project, and is was published in the "Journal of Knee Surgery"... a Real and REPUTABLE medical journal (A copy of this research is available on our website or by mail)

**What were his results and what do they mean for your pain?**

In this study he found that 75% of the severe knee arthritis pain patients he treated... and were facing knee replacement surgery... did not need to have knee replacement surgery... and were still OK 7.3 years later!

### This is incredible news for you - and here's why...

The patients in this study were Stage 4 knee arthritis. That's the most advanced and worst stage. These are the cases that are usually sent for knee replacement surgery.

These patients had also gone through the common medical treatments like pain and anti-inflammatory pills, physical therapy etc. and all that had failed.

So... these were the WORST cases of which every thing else had failed... YET, after this treatment, 75% still did not need knee replacement even more than 7 years later.

**And it gets better.** The study only collected data up to that time. It is pretty safe to say that many may never need surgery.

**Bottom line:** This study clearly showed this treatment is safe and extremely effective even for even the worst cases.

So, even if you aren't one of the worst cases... imagine what it can do for you.

### What IS This Treatment And How Can You Find Out If It Can Help You?

As studied as this treatment is... you may have an "Oh No!" reaction. Why? Because there is a very good chance you have heard of it. You may have even given it a try... and NOT gotten good results.

That's because this treatment is actually pretty common now a days. But... and this is a very big BUT... there is a very specific way to apply this treatment (as done in the study) that makes it so successful. And many are NOT doing it this way.

So... please hear us out. This really might be the answer you are looking for.

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**But here is something you must know:** In that research project, all of the procedures were done with highly advanced imaging to guide the injections and make sure the gel got into the joint space area ultra-precisely.

This is EXTREMELY important... because... research also shows that injections done WITHOUT this imaging to guide them... can miss the joint space about one third of the time.

That means, in one third of the injections, the gel wasn't in the joint space and couldn't possibly work!!!

We feel this is why so many people have tried this treatment and DIDN'T get good results like in the patients in this research.

So, if you have already had this treatment and it didn't work... was it done with this advanced medical imaging?

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In fact, there is a very good chance you can still get relief.

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### Please understand this:

This treatment can possibly take away your pain... **No matter how long you've been suffering.**

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That's why we are offering you this free screening.

**So my big question for you is -** is the opportunity to wake up tomorrow morning... and every other morning for the rest of your life... with less pain... worth the 60 minutes it will take to be evaluated?

What else could you possibly do with that same 60 minutes that could have such a profound impact on the rest of you and your family's lives?

You know, it's really disappointing to me that so many people just go on living with pain when you don't have to. So many of patients tell us how they used to be in pain... just about every day.

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Which one of those amazing things I just mentioned would you like to happen to you... right now.

Maybe it's none of the things I've mentioned. But, you do have hopes and dreams. We all do. And pain robs you of the opportunity to live out those hopes and dreams. Robs you of the life you really and desperately want... and deserve.

Whatever YOUR personal hopes and dreams are... They are all possible if you take action... right now.

All you have to do is give this a chance and schedule for the screening. But then again...

What's also possible is that your pain starts getting worse. And that happens to so many people from just doing nothing.

Taking action may seem like a little work... or... it may even be a little scary for you - but not taking actions is almost always worse. The eight most dangerous words to your future, your health, and your hopes and dreams just may be...

### It Will Just Get Better All By Itself!

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A new ride-hailing company is cruising into New York City, and it boasts a "set-your-own-price" perk for passengers.

Ride-hailing app inDriver launches in New York City this week, marking the Siberia-founded company's first dip into the United States market. The ser-

vice stands out from other apps like Uber and Lyft, inDriver says, because it benefits both passengers and drivers.

The biggest difference with inDriver is what it calls its "Real Time Deals" model, which lets passengers and drivers negotiate on price before a pickup.

"As passengers make the ride request, they enter pickup and drop-off points as well as a price they are willing to pay. Nearby drivers can accept the offer or suggest a higher fare in the amount of 10 percent or higher increments," explained Sasha Ozeran, inDriver CEO of North America, via email. "Passengers then choose from incoming offers

the one that they like more based on fare, vehicle distance, car model or a driver's rating. This process takes just moments."

You won't be able to request a \$1 ride, though. This ride-hailing app works only for medium- to long-distance drives, Ozeran said, and has a minimum fare of \$15.

That minimum also benefits drivers by giving them more control of their trip destinations and better commission on each ride. Unlike Uber and Lyft, inDriver doesn't subsidize short trips, Ozeran said.

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which Ozeran said are underserved by other apps. The service will still be available to passengers in Manhattan who seek longer rides through the city.

When it comes to commissions, inDriver also differs from other ride-hailing services. According to a July 2018 report for the Taxi and Limousine Commission, driver commission rates range from about 10 percent of passenger fares at Via and Juno to 20 percent at Uber and Lyft.

(Though some reports say Uber's commission rate goes up to 25 percent.)

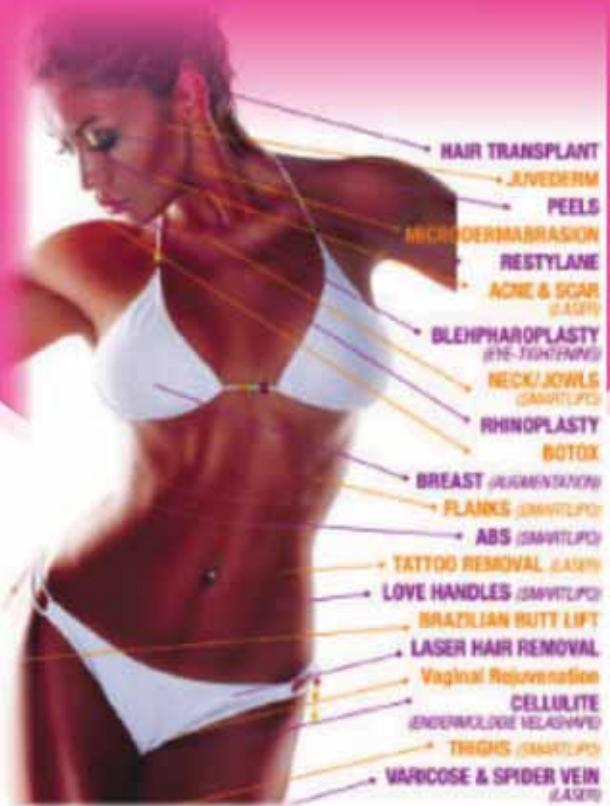
For the first six months that inDriver operates in New York City, the company will not take any commission fee from ride fares. After that honeymoon period, the inDriver commission fee will be between 5 to 8 percent, according to the company.

But for a city with about 80,000 for-hire drivers, is another ride-hailing option really nec-

essary? The promise to pay drivers well seems to be attracting interest. Already, 5,000 drivers have signed up to be a part of the new ride-hailing service, some of whom are drivers for other apps, according to Ozeran.

"Drivers have been treated poorly by the big ride-hailing companies in New York City," said Ozeran. "Our model works to correct this by ensuring fair pay for drivers regardless of what regulations are passed."

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### FAMILY COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF QUEENS Docket No. NN-09171/18

In the Matter of a Proceeding under  
SINCLAIR LANDERS

Article 10 of the Family Court Act  
MICHAEL LANDERS  
RESPONDENT

IN THE NAME OF THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

NOTICE: PLACEMENT OF YOUR CHILD IN FOSTER CARE MAY RESULT IN THE LOSS OF YOUR RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF YOUR CHILD STAYS IN FOSTER CARE FOR 15 OF THE MOST RECENT 22 MONTHS, THE AGENCY MAY BE REQUIRED BY LAW TO FILE A PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO COMMIT GUARDIANSHIP AND CUSTODY OF YOUR CHILD TO THE AGENCY FOR THE PURPOSES OF ADOPTION. ALSO, THE AGENCY MAY FILE BEFORE THE END OF THE 15-MONTH PERIOD, IF SEVERE OR REPEATED CHILD ABUSE IS PROVEN BY CLEAR AND CONVINCING EVIDENCE, THIS FINDING MAY CONSTITUTE THE BASIS TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO COMMIT GUARDIANSHIP AND CUSTODY OF YOUR CHILD TO THE AGENCY FOR THE PURPOSES OF ADOPTION.

TO: MICHAEL LANDERS

A petition under ARTICLE 10 of the FAMILY COURT ACT having been filed with this Court and annexed hereto:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to appear before this court at 151-20 Jamaica Avenue, Jamaica, NY 11432, Part 5, on JANUARY 14<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 am o'clock of that day to answer the petition and to be dealt with in accordance with ARTICLE 10 of the FAMILY COURT ACT.

ON YOUR FAILURE TO APPEAR as herein directed, a warrant may be issued for your arrest.

BY ORDER OF THE COURT:  
HON. JUDGE JOAN PICCIRILLO  
JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT

Dated: November 14, 2018

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Rappers Offset and Cardi B.

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## Cardi B announces breakup with husband Offset on Instagram

In a 42-second video on social media, the rapper said she is seeking a divorce after failing to reconcile with Offset.

Rapper Cardi B announced on Wednesday she is seeking a divorce from her husband Offset after just over a year of marriage, saying, "I guess we just grew out of love."

In an Instagram video, the "Bodak Yellow" singer, one of the biggest names in the music industry this year, said although she and Offset were good friends and business partners, "things just haven't been working out for a long time."

Cardi B, 26, and Offset, 26, a member of rap trio Migos, married secretly in September 2017 and had a child in July.

**"It's nobody fault. I guess we just grew out of love but we are not together anymore. I don't know. It might take time to get a divorce and I'm going to always have a lot of love for him because he is my daughter's father."**

Cardi B

"It's nobody fault. I guess we just grew out of love but we are not together anymore. I don't know. It might take time to get a divorce and I'm going to always have a lot of love for him because he is my daughter's father," she said.

She captioned the video, "There you go ... peace and love."

Offset responded to her Instagram post with the comment,

"Y'all won."

Cardi B has reached success in the past year with hit singles "I Like It," "Girls Like You," with Maroon 5, and the Bruno Mars collaboration "Finesse."

The singer's brand of female empowerment and sexuality won three American Music Awards and three MTV Video Music awards earlier this year. She is expected to figure highly in Grammy nominations to be announced on Friday.

Fame has also brought run-ins with the law. On Monday, a New York judge threatened to issue an arrest warrant after she failed to appear in court on an assault charge over a strip club fight in August.

In September, Cardi B was pictured leaving a party in New York with a large bump on her head after throwing a shoe at rival rapper Nicki Minaj. **REUTERS**





Pat King  
Grumble Editor

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— Peter Brandt, Metro New York reader

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**Cancer** Your ability to see all sides of a situation will keep you out of harm's way. Dig in and concentrate on what you want to achieve; the rewards will be spectacular.



**Leo** Do something different. Attend an event that you can share with the whole family or friends. Shop for a festive outfit or a present you'd like to give someone special.



**Virgo** You'll do best if you don't stick too close to home. Distance yourself from any emotional chaos. Visit a friend or find something entertaining to do.



**Libra** Socializing will be fun, but be careful what you share if you are out with colleagues or people who could easily put you in a vulnerable position at work.



**Scorpio** Personal improvements will turn out well and give you the lift you need to get your energy level at maximum. An idea you have will be considered if your budget is realistic.



**Sagittarius** Don't overreact. Get the facts and consider things carefully before you take action. Indulgent behavior will be frowned upon. Protect your reputation and avoid being reprimanded.



**Capricorn** You'll discover something about your heritage that will surprise you and influence your plans for travel or education. A new look will draw compliments and encourage romance.



**Aquarius** A change to the way you earn your living will lead to new opportunities. Your descriptive way of sharing information will please some, but not all.



**Pisces** Stick to the truth, or you will be sidelined by your peers. An emotional situation will surface if you or a colleague is indulgent or overreacts.

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## LIFESTYLE

# 'Mowgli' is the most authentic version of 'The Jungle Book' yet

Return to the jungle with 'Mowgli.' ALL PHOTOS NETFLIX

Director Andy Serkis also reveals whether the film is for kids or not. **GREGORY WAKEMAN**

Like most people that have laid eyes on "The Jungle Book," "Mowgli" director Andy Serkis is a huge fan of Disney's 1967 take on Rudyard Kipling's collection of short stories.

Yet, as such an avid fan of Kipling's work, Serkis always wanted to make a darker version of "The Jungle Book" that was more authentic to the author's 1894 release. So in 2013 when Warner Bros. put a script in the burgeoning director's hands, that was all he needed to immediately set aside his plans to adapt George Orwell's "Animal Farm" and put

all of his efforts into "The Jungle Book."

"This script was a much different take. One that is much closer to the book," Serkis tells Metro. "It is a Mowgli-centric story, and covers much darker themes about otherness, self-discovery and how you fit into the world — a shifting and changing world, too. It was a really much more complex and

psychologically involved story."

As Serkis points out, "Mowgli: Legend Of The Jungle" is also the first to put the titular character at the center of the story.

"With the other adaptations, Mowgli has almost been left out. It should be his central story. But in actual fact there has been a lot of emphasis on the terms and actions of the ani-

mals. They become the central focus. I think that in the past, Mowgli and his journey, his rite of passage, hasn't been fully explored."

Even though Serkis is more than happy with his take on the story, there was a problem. Jon Favreau and Disney were making their own "Jungle Book" movie, one that was an adaptation of the 1967 animated

film.

Serkis insists that because Favreau's version "was just coming into being" when they began pre-production, it never impacted what they wanted to do. In fact, it made the "Lord of the Rings" star even more convinced that he had to strictly adhere to the source material.

"It has been a challenge, the preconception

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of what this story is and what the characters are," says Serkis. "If you ask most people what their memories of 'The Jungle Book' they automatically talk about the 1967 version. A lot of people don't even know that the book exists."

"So it was with that in mind that we wanted to get back into the tone of the book," he adds. "Which is much more plugged into a certain period. Its culture is specifically set in India. It is a real emotional journey. There is humor, too. But it is a harsher world."

It's not too harsh, though, as Serkis keenly insists that his "Mowgli: Legend of the Jungle" is "not like an R-rated version." In his opinion, "You can't take your four- or five-year-olds to see it. But you can probably take your eight-year-olds."

But that didn't stop Serkis from diving into the darker themes of the story to make sure that the plight of Mowgli would resonate with a

modern audience.

"I did want it to resonate with modern audiences, in a world where we are living in a fractured society. Where so many people are wondering, 'How do I fit in?'" says Serkis. "There are millions of refugees being displaced, teenagers don't know how to inter-



Rohan Chand as Mowgli and Nisha (voiced by Naomi Harris) in "Mowgli: Legend of the Jungle."

act because they are behind screens or not communicating. It seems to me a very relevant and very modern-day piece."

"Mowgli: Legend of the Jungle" debuts Dec. 7 on Netflix.

## HOW ANDY SERKIS REALLY FEELS ABOUT 'MOWGLI' BEING RELEASED ON NETFLIX

In a race to the theaters against Disney's version of "The Jungle Book," "Mowgli" lost. As a result, Warner Bros. pushed the release back by two years, and watched as Jon Favreau's film grossed over \$966 million in 2016. Then, just a few months before "Mowgli" was finally going to hit the big screen after its elongated hiatus, Warner Bros. decided to sell the film to Netflix.

"We had started promoting it for Warner Bros.," Serkis tells Metro. "It had a release date with the studio, which was October of this year. We'd already been out to CinemaCon in Las Vegas and been promoting it in Europe."

"But then, literally the last day that I was working on the Dolby mix, I got a call saying they wanted to talk about the release of the movie," he adds. "They said, 'Look, we have been screening this for Netflix and they want to acquire it. What are your thoughts?' I can't deny it was a shock at first."

But Serkis now believes that it is the best thing that could have happened to "Mowgli: Legend of the Jungle."

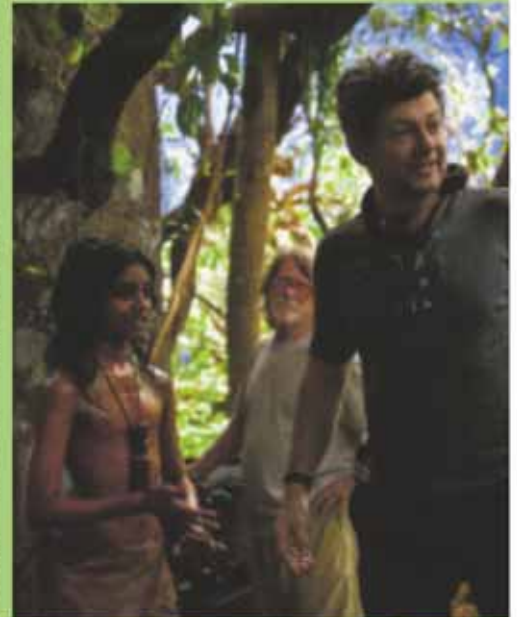
"I have to say, it turned out to be the very, very best thing for this movie," Serkis explains. "Because when we started out, it was always going to be this darker version and I never really imagined it as this four-quadrant popcorn movie."

"I knew that doing it our way meant that there would be challenges for its release, so when Netflix came onboard they completely embraced the whole international aspect of the property. We even ended up having our world premiere in Mumbai, which was a perfect place to start the film."

Serkis is also delighted that Netflix has released "Mowgli: Legend of the Jungle" in select theaters ahead of hitting the streaming site.

"Ultimately this story will be seen by more people, more diverse people across the world," Serkis says. "So I think that for this movie it is the best thing that could have happened."

Serkis is clearly besotted with Netflix, as he is now developing another adaptation with the behemoth, this time in the shape of George Orwell's "Animal Farm," which he was



Andy Serkis directed the latest take on the "Jungle Book" tale. DAVID APPELBY

actually all set to direct several years ago until the script for "Mowgli" hooked him.

"I am already back into another talking-animals movie,

which is 'Animal Farm,'" Serkis says. "So I think I have my arms full for a little while. We are developing it now with Netflix. They love that project, too."

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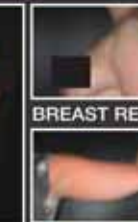
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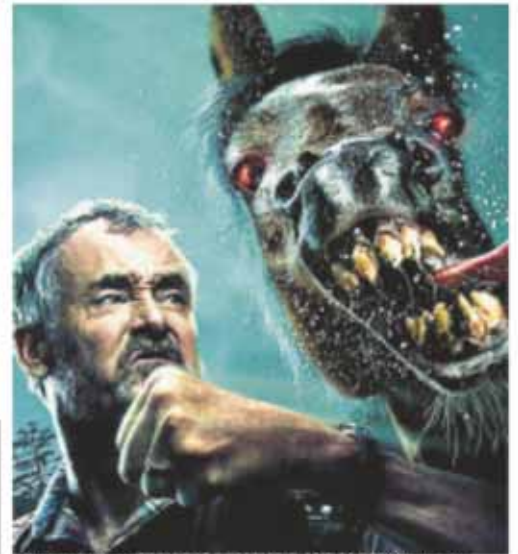
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John C. McGinley, 59, has participated in series such as "Scrubs" and "Ground Floor." **AMC**

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# 'The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel' is 'not just a one-woman show'

Amy Sherman-Palladino and Dan Palladino open up about the acclaimed Amazon series.



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If the first season of "The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel" was all about the personal and professional journeys undertaken by Miriam "Midge" Maisel (Rachel Brosnahan), then season two, which is now streaming on Amazon Prime, is all about how her actions affect everyone around her.

Or, as actor Tony Shalhoub put it in a previous Metro interview, it's all about the "ripple effects." The creative team behind the series, Amy Sherman-Palladino and Dan Palladino, couldn't agree more. "There's going to be many worlds and voices out there. It's not just a one-woman show," says Sherman-Palladino, who also created the hit series "Gilmore Girls."

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mance, a mother-daughter thing and father-son issues. It allows us to deal with so much more story, if everybody is developed and given a road to go on. It's also a way to make sure that the show stays fresh and interesting, and it allows us to visually go to so many different places. That way, it's not just the same thing over and over again."

"We didn't want people to go into this thinking, 'I am following Midge and everyone else is just a satellite that's surrounding her, so I don't care as much,'" adds Palladino. "We really wanted everybody to care about them as much as they care about her, so we set up scenes highlighting Alex Borstein and Tony Shalhoub

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and Marin Hinkle and Michael Zegen. Scenes away from Rachel Brosnahan, because we wanted to tell the audience there were going to be other stories here besides Midge's trying to become a stand-up comic."

All of this should be a given, of course, as no matter how spectacular a show's titular character is, it cannot survive without the character and stories that make up the rest of its episode count. "The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel" is no different. Yes, Midge's efforts to try and balance her new life as a single mother and potential di-

vorcée with her comedic aspirations makes for compelling television. (After all, the show won numerous awards for its first season.) But what about the struggles encountered (and created) by her estranged husband, Joel? Her mother Rose's unhappiness with the state of her marriage? And her father Abe's sud-

den realization that his life isn't pristine?

All of this makes for excellent comedic and dramatic television, given the right combination of producers, writers and performers, and the husband-and-wife team behind "The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel" has managed to pull it off without a hitch.

"We have really been careful to explore separate stories for everyone, while always making sure to wrap them around Midge, or be caused by Midge, in some way," Palladino concludes. "They're all such great actors in their own right. I think we have several people who could lead their own shows, really."

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Celebrate the Christmas season with John Waters. GREG COBBAN

# John Waters on Elf on the Shelf and the politics of gift-giving

"What you give people for Christmas is a political decision."



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In recent years, "A John Waters Christmas" has become an annual tradition for those looking for a more provocative and debauched way to celebrate the holiday. Ahead of its return to City Winery in New York for a sold-out performance on Sunday night, we caught up with the acclaimed and delightfully depraved filmmaker and icon to chat about the show, the politics of gift-giving and what he really thinks about the Elf on the Shelf craze.

**How has the Christmas show evolved over the years?**

It's probably more political this year because it's impossible not to be. But all humor is political. Christmas is political. What you give people for Christmas is a political de-

cision. And it's also what can really wreck family traditions, especially this year when there's a civil war going on in the country, basically — half and half. Nobody's going to change anybody else's mind. People are dreading going home this Christmas. So I'm telling everyone to bring a whistle, a little whistle that you pass out to everybody and anytime anyone mentions politics, you blow the whistle. That way, you can get through Christmas and everybody will end up laughing.

**I'll have to try that with my family.**

It's so exhausting. Christmas is exhausting enough without politics on top of it. You know, I'm political, believe me, and I think Christmas almost has to be political because what we want in our stockings, what we want in our presents, what we want as gifts, what our message would be is political. But I'm not a separatist. I make jokes about both sides.

**Do you have any tips for navigating office Christmas parties?**

I did think up a sexual act that you can do at one, but you'll never be able to print that in your paper. It's called a "snowman" and you have to come to my show to find out how to do it. And it can only work in cold weather, so you can do it in [New York]. I think office parties, first of all, you have to be careful in an office anyways. My friend told me, in her office you can't even say to someone, "Nice dress," because then if someone complains you have to hire a counselor to come in to train them about sexual [harassment], how you deal with everybody. It's not an easy time to ask someone for a date. And when liquor's involved at the office, I would tell you, "Bring a lawyer."

**You're a big proponent of giving books as gifts. Do you have any book recommendations for this year?**

I'm a big fan of Rachel Cusk. I really like her

novels. And I like obscure books that you find in collectible shops especially. I collect vintage porn. Like before pictures it was books with hilarious titles. I collect ones that are

**"Santa's snitch is something I'd be against. I think all the bad little boys and girls should team up and make an enemies list of all the bad adults this year. Or, who's Santa to judge? Take your list and shove it."**

John Waters

literary adaptations, like instead of "Elmer Gantry," there's "Thelma Gantry." "Summer and Smoke" is "Sin and Smoke." I had one, "Clockwork Orange" was, of course, "C-kwork Orange." I collect them,

and they're hard to find. Or I like to find porn titles that have people's names in them like "Hot Lisa," then you give it to your friend named Lisa. And it always looks good on their coffee table.

**You've said in the past that a gift card is a terrible Christmas present.**

It is unless ... I wouldn't mind a Bitcoin gift certificate to the dark web.

**Are you big into Bitcoin?**

No, but that's the only way you can buy things on the dark web, isn't it? So I think that would be a very cool gift for a young person, a Bitcoin gift certificate to a HANSA Market — I think they shut that one down — but all the different ones that I would have no idea [how] to get. But I'm always impressed by people that know that. I respect hackers. They're the new juvenile delinquents.

**What's the worst gift you've ever received?**

Someone gave me a gift card to Starbucks. I felt like saying, "I can afford a cup of coffee." It's, like,

embarrassing to pull out this thing. It doesn't have the political punch of food stamps. ... Another thing I always say every year is I really hate when someone sends me a gift basket. I can afford a pear, for Christ's sake. Gift baskets should have things in them that you would never buy for yourself like cigarettes or porn or out-of-circulation poppers.

**What's your take on Elf on the Shelf?**

What is up on a shelf? What do you mean?

It's basically a toy elf that some parents use as a way to keep their kids behaved around Christmas, saying that it's "spying" on them for Santa.

So it's a snitch. Well, that wouldn't go over in Baltimore. That would never be popular in Baltimore. Santa's snitch is something I'd be against. I think all the bad little boys and girls should team up and make an enemies list of all the bad adults this year. Or, who's Santa to judge? Take your list and shove it.



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# 8 Gifts for your 'Game of Thrones'-obsessed loved ones

Find the perfect gift for your loved ones straight out of Westeros. MOLLY GIVEN



Winter is no longer coming, it's here and that means it's time to find the perfect gift for your loved ones. If you have a "Game of Thrones"-obsessed partner, sibling, parent, friend, co-worker or whomever, we have got the gift guide for you. Here are all of the best gift ideas for any White Walker, dragon-lover and Westeros enthusiast in your life.

## Candles

Insight Luminaries has three perfect candles that any "Game of Thrones" fan will love. Choose from a sculpted

glass or tin selection of candles, which also bear the house sigils of Stark, Lannister and Targaryen, in a variety of sizes and scents. There are also dragon egg candles available in packs of three that are perfect for future mothers (or fathers) of dragons. **\$10-\$50, [insightluminaries.com](http://insightluminaries.com)**

## Clue

Mix the classic board game with the wildly popular show to get the best gift ever for your Westeros-obsessed loved ones. The classic whodunnit premise behind

Clue works well with the already kill-happy characters of the HBO show. **\$52, [newegg.com](http://newegg.com)**

## House banners

Your loved ones can proudly display which house they belong to in their own home. Perhaps they belong to the brave Starks, the clever Lannisters or the courageous Targaryns. Whomever they pledge allegiance to, they will be grateful to showcase their house sigils right in their living room. **\$19.99, [thinkgeek.com](http://thinkgeek.com)**

## Cookie cutters

Make your watch party or binge session special with these "Game of Thrones" cookie cutters. There are six variations representing different houses, all intricate and detailed to take your cookie game to the next level. **\$27.48, [amazon.com](http://amazon.com)**

## Many-Faced-God mug

Your loved ones will be in for a surprise when they pour their coffee or tea into the heat-activated mug and the many faces of their favorite "Game of Thrones" characters ap-

pear. This gift will make any beverage way more fun to drink. **\$22.95, [amazon.com](http://amazon.com)**

## Hodor ugly Christmas sweater

Find the perfect ugly sweater for your holiday party this season and honor the unsung hero that Hodor is at the same time. This sweater is perfect for any "Game of Thrones" fan. We won't judge if you want to wear it all year long, either. **\$33.95, [etsy.com](http://etsy.com)**

## 2019 calendar

Who doesn't love a calen-

dar, especially one with all of the heroic, evil and badass characters from the series? You can even use the calendar to count down the days until the premiere of the final season. **\$11, [etsy.com](http://etsy.com)**

## Westeros-Essos Map poster

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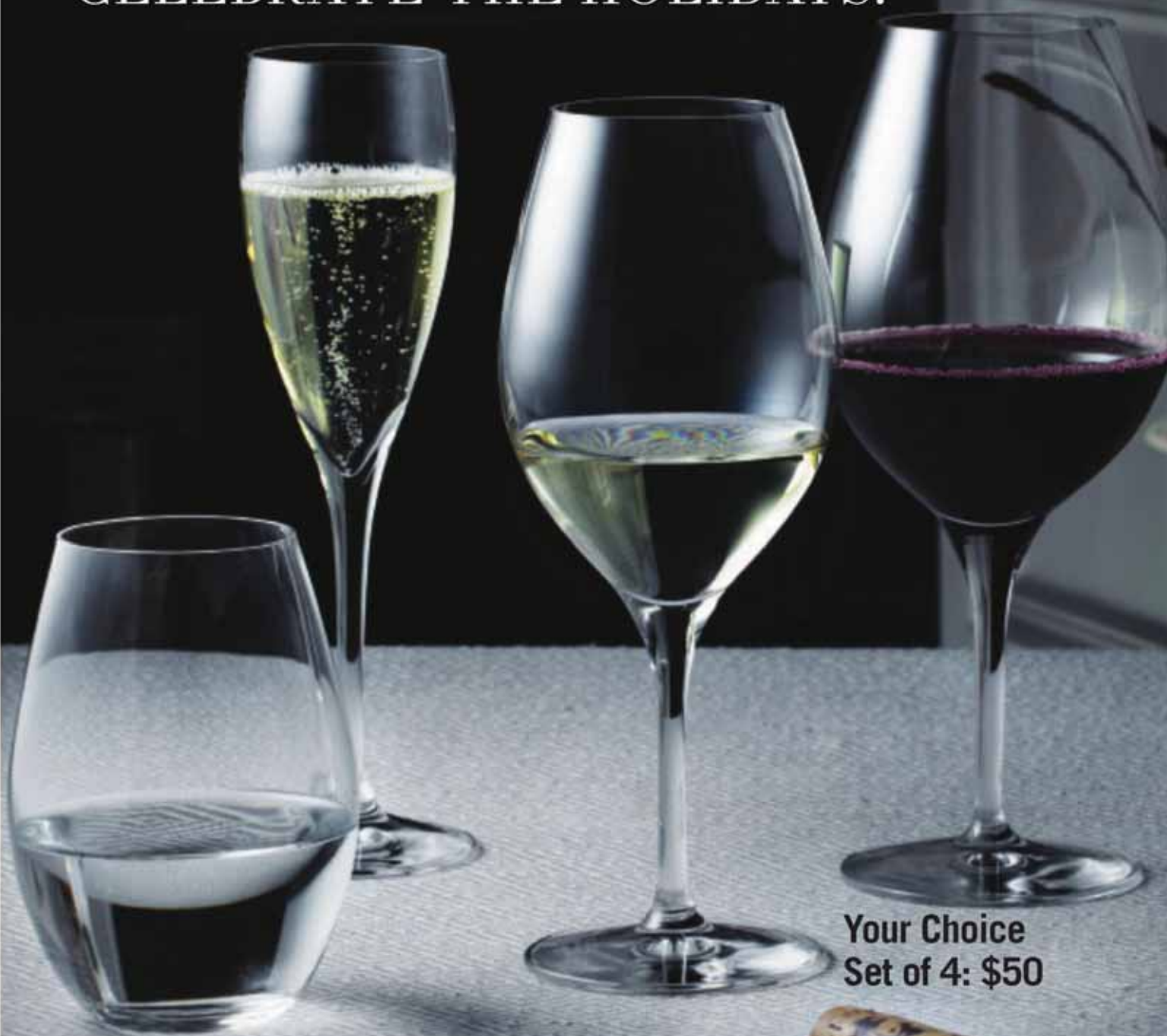
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# Glam up your gift-giving

Here's what you should get the stylish person in your life. **KATELYN CHIEF**

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Gifting a stylish gift for a stylish person can be a sophisticatedly tricky gifting drawback. Whether this person is up on the latest trends, has a fetish for all things rose gold, or adopts a more classic personal style; the question remains, what to gift the style-icon on your holiday shopping list?

Don't fret, we have a few trendy and timeless gift suggestions to keep in your back pocket when wrapping up all of your gift spendings. However, the actual wrapping is up to you—remember, to tie it up in a sparkly ribbon! Stylish people love sparkle.

Is there anything cooler than a pair of ultra-

sleek sunglasses? Giving a pair of Privé Revaux Eyewear this holiday season is the true gift of style. Whether you want to select a pair of frames (as seen on celebrities like Jamie Foxx and Madeline Petsch) or pick from a pair of their blue light blocking computer frames. It's a win-win! [priverevaux.com](http://priverevaux.com)

Beauty gifts (makeup pallets and lip kits) make for great stocking stuffers. The Everyday Glam Pro Eyeshadow Palette by Palladio would look super classy wrapped in that sparkly bow. **Everyday Glam Pro Eyeshadow Palette, \$20, [palladio-beauty.com](http://palladio-beauty.com)**

Any one of the stunning dresses from Tadashi Shoji Fall 2018 Runway Collection would make for a show-stopping New Year's Eve party dress. Or you know, any festive occasion. This label is perfect for that fancy someone. [tadashishoji.com](http://tadashishoji.com)

Giving a leather phone/wallet case crafted by European phone case master, Mujjo would create the best Christmas unboxing surprise. These cases for the new iPhone Xs come in a variety of hues (tan, gray, black, and olive). Trust us, they look just as good on a iPhone as the new iPhone does. [mujjo.com](http://mujjo.com)

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A candle that looks as stylish as it smells seems like a gift-no-brainer. The suave

scents of ginger, nutmeg, cinnamon, sandalwood, and frankincense come together to create one beautiful candle packaged inside a black and gold votive.

**Chalet Candle, \$78, tobitobin.com**

Stylish people tend to surround themselves with stylish things like this unisex brass easel and calendar from Artifact Uprising. It's the perfect addition to any 2019 décor! **Brass Easel & Calendar, \$50, artifactu-**



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Smelling good on the go can be tough. Introducing the "Best Travel Perfume Ever" by Pin Rose. The cool thing here is that the perfume comes inside a complimentary holographic travel pack. She'll love this! **Best Travel Perfume Ever, Sephora, \$24, pinrose.com**

Hold up, Love Your Melon has expanded beyond creating beanies that give back to beautiful knit sweaters that

give back as well. Our gifting eye is on the black speckled knit sweater. He or she would love this too. **Black Speckled Knit Sweater, \$125, loveyourmelon.com**

Maybe she's an Instagrammer? Maybe he enjoys blogging about home design? Either way, the world's most stylish (and sexy) camera is the Olympus Pen. If you're looking for that one perfect gift, this is it! **Olympus PEN E PL8, \$399, getolympus.com**

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# Gifts for the food lover on your list

Holiday gifts for those that cook, eat—and eat.

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They plan vacations around restaurant reservations. They refer to famous chefs they've never met by their first names. And they may have even used the phrase "mouth feel" once or twice without irony. They're the food lover on your

holiday shopping list, and we've got gifts to satisfy their rarified appetites.

## 1 Classic Cowgirl Collection

Your dairy-loving giftee many not have made it out to Petaluma, California, to visit Cowgirl Creamery, so bring Cowgirl Creamery to them. This trio from the anointed cheese maker includes three favorites named for Golden State landmarks: the creamy



Mt. Tam, the rich Devil's Gulch and the saltwater-brined Red Hawk. \$70, Cowgirl Creamery

## 2 The Noma Guide to Fermentation

You know what Noma is, because your friend/family member that reads all the international restaurant rankings won't

stop telling you about it. Reward their dedication with this fermentation-minded tome penned by Rene Redzepi, chef of the Michelin-starred Danish destination. \$21.15, Amazon

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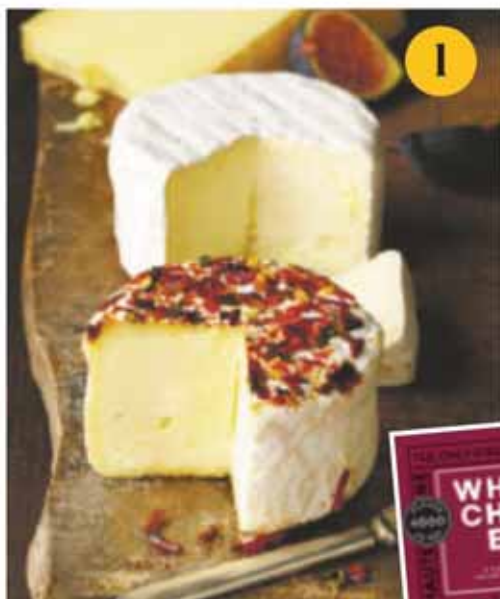
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flights with names like "The Holy Trinity" and "Legends of Japan." Prices vary, *Holy Grail Steak Co.*

#### 4 Air Fryer XL by Cozyna

For the person on your list enamored with both fried food and gadgetry, the Air Fryer XL manages to be healthier by

using 70% less oil, allowing the saved calories to be used on extra Christmas cookies. \$99.99, *Amazon*

#### 5 "Where Chefs Eat"

If there's one thing



they love more than giving restaurant recommendations, it's receiving them. Pique their curiosity with the 2018 edition of *Where Chefs Eat*, which consulted 650 chefs to endorse 4,500 restaurants across

70 countries. \$20.96, *Amazon*

#### 6 ICO Trio

Your resident shellfish expert will be familiar with Island Creek Oysters, the Duxbury, Massachusetts-based oyster farm that appears on lists from coast-to-coast. The



magic of overnight shipping will provide them with 36 oysters, evenly split between the Island Creek, Row 34 and Aunt Dotty's varieties. \$89, *Island Creek Oysters*

#### 7 Dollar Cocktail Club

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## Meet under the lights

Brookfield Place is not only one of our favorite places to hide from winter, it's also one of the best to celebrate it. There's ice skating and Santa photo ops, but the annual Luminaries display of over 600 lanterns suspended above the Winter Garden always steal the show. A special wishing station lets you send your heart's desire into the universe and makes the colors and motions of the lanterns change. **Through Jan. 4, 2019, 290 Vesey St., free, bfplny.com**

"The Nutcracker"  
goes uptown

The original Russian production of The Nutcracker premiered in 1892 — and somehow wasn't a hit. With considerably more critical acclaim, Francis Patrelle's playful version sets the story in 1895 New York City instead and casts dancers of all ages for a professional production with the warmth and inclusivity of community theater. Starting with a holiday party at Gracie Mansion, the delightful spectacle includes a midnight skate in Central Park, a sleigh ride to the New York Botanical Garden's glittering Crystal Palace. **Dec. 6-9, The Kaye Playhouse at Hunter College, 695 Park Ave., \$55-\$65, dancecompany.org**

## Be consumed by love

What is the nature of love, and what forms does it take? A new site-specific play Consumption explores the notion as Devin Burnam and Tracy Weller of Mason Holdings theater company take an audience of just 30 through the 90-minute drama. The lives of five disparate couples intertwine across time, space and even realities across several rooms of Brooklyn's 100-year-old Beverly Social Club. **Through Dec. 8, 1016 Beverly Rd., Ditmas Park, \$25, mason.holdings**



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## Roll into winter

Lola's Dreamland Roller Disco is a staple of summer in Prospect Park, but for the first time the inimitable Lola Star is continuing her party indoors at Industry City. The giant new 15,000-square-foot roller rink promises to be "an immersive disco experience" with lots of all-ages retro fun including a hula hoop hour, themed parties (starting with Spice Girls in Xanadu) and more. It's on every Friday night through April. **Dec. 7, 7:30-10:30 p.m., 233 37th St., Brooklyn, \$18 and up, industrycity.com**

Christmas favorites  
by way of Italy

Brooklyn's most unusual new ice cream shop Republic of Booza, which makes "stretchy" ice cream thanks to a 500-year-old recipe from the Levant, just launched its holiday flavors. If you haven't tried their smoother, denser take on ice cream, now they've mixed up holiday flavors with traditional Italian ingredients like Egg nog Zabaione, Babka and Panettone, which might actually be better than the classic Christmas cake. **76 N. Fourth St., Brooklyn, republicofbooza.com**

## Craft that gift

Bust Magazine is all about feminism and crafting, so the winter edition of the Bust School of Creative Living will teach you

how to be a more well-rounded person with over 80 classes and talks. Alongside the mag's annual Holiday Craftacular holiday market going on at the same time with 150 vendors with vintage and handmade products, you'll learn all about everything from CBD to spirituality to "practical magic for artists and creatives." **Dec. 8-9, 11 a.m.-7 p.m., Brooklyn Expo Center, 72 Noble St., Greenpoint, \$15 per class or \$60 all-access, bust.com**

Take a sleigh ride on  
the West Side

New York's newest neighborhood is having its first Christmas celebration. The Hudson Yards/Hell's Kitchen Alliance is inviting everyone to Block 3 of Hudson Blvd Park, which will be transformed into Holiday Blvd Park. There will be horse-drawn carriage rides around the park, photos with Santa Claus, holiday arts and crafts, and more. **Dec. 8, 2-5 p.m., between West 33rd-36th streets and 10th and 11th avenues, free, hyhkalliance.org**

Get introduced  
to CBD

As activists continue their long fight toward legalization for marijuana, its non-psychoactive derivative CBD is already the hot new trend in wellness, claiming to help with everything from anxiety to inflammation. Want to try CBD but in a calm, upscale setting rather than a latte or cocktail? White Label

CBD Market is a one-day pop-up shop that collects beauty, food and lifestyle brands devoted to all things CBD, from chocolates to skincare. **Dec. 8-9, 11 a.m.-6 p.m., The Space in SoHo, 515 Greenwich Street, Suite 506, must be 21+, \$15, eventhi.io**

How to pair two of  
your favorite things

It's the season of hosting parties, and wouldn't you like to wow your friends with expertly paired cheeses and Champagnes? Murray's Cheese is hosting a six-course cheese and bubbly pairing dinner with Champagne Bollinger this Saturday to teach you all the basics and why these two are MFE. **Dec. 8, 4:30-6 p.m., 254 Bleecker St., \$100, eventbrite.com**

Smorgasburg  
at night

Their outdoor markets may be done for the season, but you've got two ways to experience Smorgasburg this winter. Opening Fridays through Dec. 21 is the Smorgasburg x Vice Night Market, with 11 food vendors and DJs at Brooklyn venue Villain (307 Kent St.) and the Smorgasburg Winter Market, opening Nov. 3-4 on weekends through March 2019 inside Atlantic Center with 30 food vendors and 20 Brooklyn Flea vendors at 625 Atlantic Ave. **smorgasburg.com**

King Kong takes  
over Broadway

It took five years to bring King Kong the musical from Australia to Broadway, but that impressive 20-foot ape — who is entirely too lifelike thanks to a team of 14 puppeteers — was worth every moment of waiting. Don't wait to see this show at the Broadway Theatre for the most thrilling night you'll have at a Broadway show. **Open-ended run, 1681 Broadway, \$114 and up, kingkongbroadway.com**

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## The sexy side of punk rock

Punk culture protested pretty much everything about what it saw as the mass-produced, repressed lives we were leading, often by using sexuality to transgress and defy expectations. New York's lusty playground the Museum of Sex just opened a new exhibit Punk Lust: Raw Provocation 1971-1985, an immersive gallery with over 300 artifacts spanning various archives and private collections. Through their clothing and songs, punks helped women shed the societal expectations they had been held to and picked up where glam rock left off to allow men to explore a more fluid side of their sexuality. **Through Nov. 30, 2019, 233 Fifth Ave., \$19.50, museumofsex.com**

big break in New York? After getting his start at the Broadway Theatre in 1928, Walt Disney's most famous creation is back, this time in the Meatpacking District. The pop-up gallery — what else? — is called Mickey: The True Original and reveals relics from the Disney Vault among original artworks by modern artists both internationally known and local stars. Plenty of Insta-worthy moments, an ice cream booth by Ample Hills and other surprises await. **Nov. 8-Feb. 10, 2019, Tues-Sun from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., 60 10th Ave., \$38, showclix.com**

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artists in society, including new materials discovered after his death in 1987. **Nov. 12-March 31, 2019, 99 Gansevoort St., included with admission: \$25 adults, free for kids 18 and under; whitney.org**

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## Mets, Realmuto talks heating up

The Mets are wasting no time planning their next move after the Robinson Cano trade.



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Still with a sizable list of needs to fill, the New York Mets are already lining up their next move after acquiring second baseman Robinson Cano and closer Edwin Diaz.

Multiple reports have indicated that new Mets general manager Brodie Van Wagenen has re-entered negotiations with the Miami Marlins for a trade involving All-Star catcher J.T. Realmuto.

The catcher's position is among New York's top areas of need considering Travis d'Arnaud and Kevin Plawecki have proven time and again that they are not capable of being reliable, everyday starters.

Realmuto would not only provide the Mets with a long-term option behind the plate, but it would give the organization their best catcher since Mike Piazza.

At 27 years old, Realmuto picked up his first All-Star appearance last year and is one of the more athletic catchers



The Mets are in talks for J.T. Realmuto. Would they give up Amed Rosario (left), Brandon Nimmo (top right), or Michael Conforto (bottom right)? GETTY IMAGES

in the game. Over the past three years, he's averaging .286 with 16 home runs and 62 RBI. He's coming off a 2018 campaign in which he slugged a career-high 21 home runs with 74 RBI in 125 games.

Talks have thrust back into motion after it was initially believed that the Marlins would not be trading Realmuto to a fellow NL East rival. The Atlanta Braves, along with the Mets, have previously shown interest.

The Derek Jeter-

owned franchise will be asking for a handsome return for one of the game's best catchers, who is under team control through the 2020 season.

The general notion is that the Marlins will be looking for a package headlined by a young, MLB-ready talent, whether that comes in the form of outfielders Brandon Nimmo, Michael Conforto or shortstop Amed Rosario. Mike Puma of the New York Post has since reported that includ-

ing Conforto in the deal would be "unlikely."

Dealing either Nimmo or Rosario would be a sizable loss, though losing Nimmo might be felt more. The 25-year-old is coming off a breakout season in which he ranked fourth in the majors with a .404 on-base percentage. Rosario showed his upside during the second half of the season, but the 23-year-old is still a work in progress at the plate.

It would cost more than just one of those players, though, as the

organization's top prospect and shortstop Andres Gimenez, along with another top-tier minor-leaguer, would likely have to be included.

Should the Mets deal either Nimmo or Rosario, it wouldn't be out of the realm of possibilities for Van Wagenen to continue his aggressive tendencies by going after the likes of Bryce Harper or Manny Machado to fill the gaps while upgrading the offense at the same time in a huge way.

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# For Yanks, Kluber a better prize than Corbin

The Yankees might have lost out on one of their top off-season targets, but there could be a big consolation prize in Cleveland.



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In a turn of events not often seen in the baseball world, the New York Yankees were actually outbid for one of their top off-season targets.

Southpaw starter Patrick Corbin, who had grown up a Yankees fan and was coming off a career season with the Arizona Diamondbacks, opted to take a six-year, \$140 million deal with the Washington Nationals rather than sign with his hometown team.

The Yankees were reportedly hesitant to offer Corbin six years, sending him a five-year, \$100 mil-

lion proposal that turned out to be not enough, per Fancred's Jon Heyman.

With starting pitcher still a top priority for the Yankees despite acquiring James Paxton from the Seattle Mariners earlier this offseason, a similar situation last year could offer a bit of insight as to what the franchise might do next.

New York was beaten out by the Los Angeles Angels in the sweepstakes for Japanese dual threat and 2018 AL Rookie of the Year Shohei Ohtani. They quickly turned it around and traded for 2017 NL MVP Giancarlo Stanton from the Miami Marlins.

With Major League Baseball's Winter Meetings getting underway on Dec. 10, the Yankees now have a pocket full of money that could have been used on Corbin and reallocated elsewhere.

And they might not have to do any sort of negotiating, either.

Last month, the Yan-



After losing out on Patrick Corbin, the Yankees could revisit trade talks with the Indians for Corey Kluber. REUTERS

kees and Cleveland Indians entered talks about a possible trade involving star pitcher Corey Kluber. MLB Network's Joel Sherman noted there was not "much traction," and it could be revisited.

It's something the Yankees might want to consider.

Kluber provides an established and much more

reliable option than the Yankees' current free-agent backup plans for Corbin. Multiple reports have put the Yankees in on Nathan Eovaldi, Dallas Keuchel or re-signing J.A. Happ.

The Indians ace would take a Yankees rotation from solid to elite: the 32-year-old is averaging 17 wins and a 2.85 ERA

since 2014. He's won a pair of Cy Young Awards and has finished in the voting's top three in four of the last five years.

He is under team control through the 2021 season, where he'll be making \$17.5 million over the next two seasons before making \$18 million in the final year of his current deal. That's

at least \$5 million less per season than the average annual salary on Corbin's new deal.

It might have to take a young talent to coax Cleveland into making a deal, but the Yankees offense is potent enough. Kluber would transform the team from a World Series threat to a World Series favorite.

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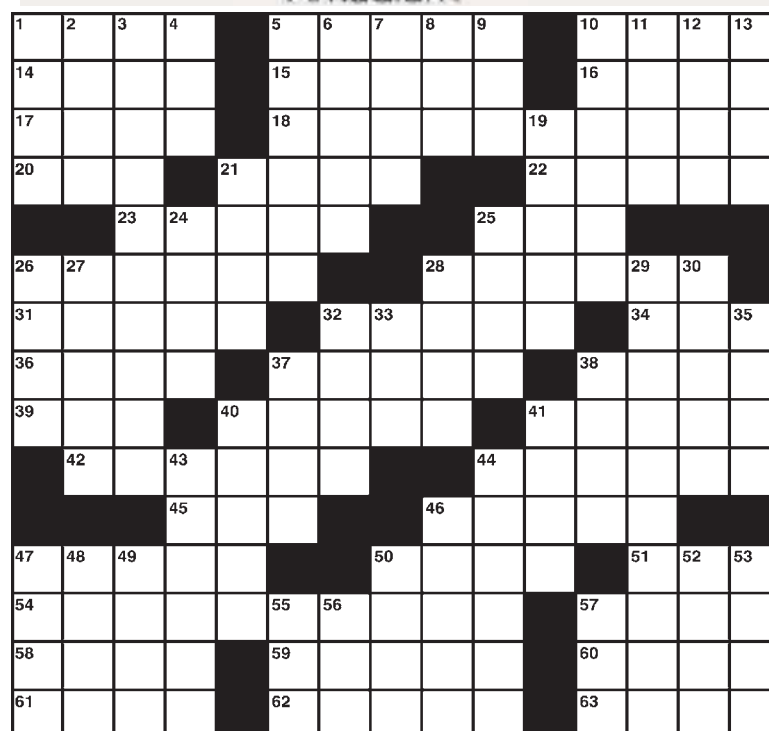
## ACROSS

- 1 Lasso  
5 \_\_\_ Waysans  
10 Word in some high school names  
14 Singles  
15 Actress Durance  
16 Outdoor feast  
17 \_\_\_ the fool; behaves stupidly  
18 Timid mama's boy  
20 Encountered  
21 Gigantic  
22 \_\_\_ at; alludes to  
23 Up in arms  
25 Summer cooler  
26 Soothe; make peaceful  
28 Long-time host of "The Tonight Show"  
31 In the air  
32 Neckwear  
34 11/11 honoree  
36 Bench board  
37 Ice skate's feature  
38 Uncovered

- 39 Command to Fido  
40 Rowing teams  
41 Soothing ointment  
42 Shun  
44 Bugs  
45 Lay down the \_\_\_; give orders  
46 Short-lived  
47 Despise  
50 Cry  
51 To and \_\_\_  
54 Hairdresser  
57 "The \_\_\_ Piper of Hamelin"  
58 Come to shore  
59 \_\_\_-cotta; patio pot clay  
60 Like eclairs  
61 Nervous  
62 Grains planted  
63 Kennedy & Cruz

## DOWN

- 1 Meander  
2 In the past  
3 Undergarments  
4 Feminine ending  
5 Barney Fife's title  
6 In \_\_\_; furious  
7 "Your guess is as good as \_\_\_"  
8 Fall month: abbr.  
9 Certain vote  
10 Flatlands  
11 Wreak havoc on  
12 Vane direction  
13 \_\_\_ up with; tolerates  
19 Dock  
21 Sword handle  
24 Fissure; split  
25 Price to ride  
26 Go by  
27 TV's "Kate & \_\_\_"  
28 Womanizers  
29 Place for Trump's desk  
30 Bold; brash  
32 Murdered  
33 Crow's comment  
35 Golf shop purchase  
37 Make tea  
38 Source of woe  
40 Diagram  
41 Make a tiny cut  
43 Weather forecast  
44 Stadiums  
46 Facial hair  
47 Up to the task  
48 Rosary piece  
49 "\_\_\_ in there"; encouraging phrase  
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52 Donna of old TV  
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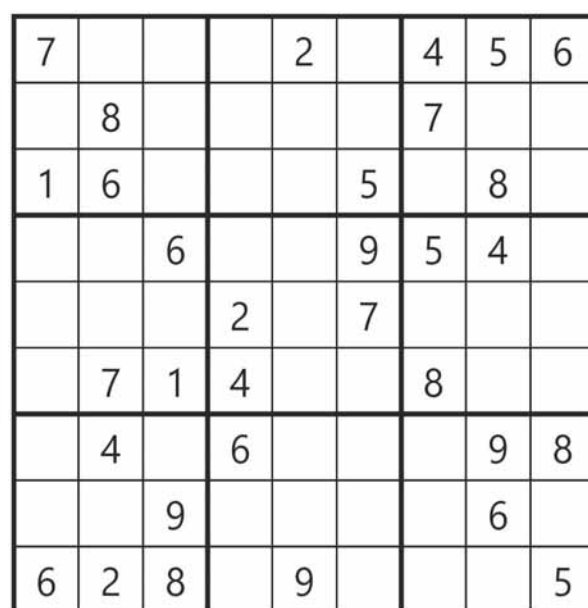
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